

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A watercraft cover comprising:
 - a sheet of water repellent material;
 - ~~at least two pockets a first pocket and a second pocket attached to the sheet;~~
 - ~~at least one support structure having a first end and a second end, the pockets first pocket receiving the first end and the second pocket receiving the second end ends of the at least one support structure;~~
 - ~~a support structure sleeve located substantially between the at least two first and second pockets, useful for receiving the at least one support structure extending from the first pocket to the second pocket through the sleeve;~~
 - ~~at least one strap attachable to the sheet which is configured to bend the at least one support structure to form a shape which prevents water collection and deflects wind on the sheet;~~
 - ~~wherein the at least one support structure is normally irreversibly integrated into or retained by the sheet, the at least one support structure and the sheet being collapsible together for portability without separating such at least one support structure and sheet.~~
2. (original) The watercraft cover of claim 1, further including a dual retention system attached to the sheet, wherein the dual retention system includes a first relatively elastic cord and a second relatively inelastic cord, the dual retention system useful for securely attaching the watercraft cover to a watercraft.
3. (original) The watercraft cover of claim 2, wherein the at least one support structure further includes a notch at a substantially central location, the notch being useful for retaining a thread rigidly attached to the support structure sleeve attached to the sheet.

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4. (original) The watercraft cover of claim 2, wherein the at least one support structure further includes a hole at a substantially central location, the hole being useful for receiving a rivet rigidly attached to the support structure sleeve attached to the sheet.

5. (original) The watercraft cover of claim 2, wherein the at least two pockets are adjustable.

6. (original) The watercraft cover of claim 2, further including a vent, and a baffle and drain useful for preventing water from entering the watercraft through the vent.

7. (original) The watercraft cover of claim 2, further including means for attaching an engine cover.

8. (original) The watercraft cover of claim 2, wherein the first relatively elastic cord is comprised of two pieces, each having a first end and a second end, wherein the first end of each of the two pieces is rigidly attached towards the front of the sheet, and the second end of each piece has a locking mechanism to reversibly retain a desired tension.

9. (original) The watercraft cover of claim 2, wherein the second relatively inelastic cord has a first end rigidly attached at a first location towards the rear of the sheet, and a second end attached at a second location towards the rear of the sheet.

10. (currently amended) The watercraft cover of claim 9, wherein the second relatively inelastic strap cord continues from the first location towards the rear of the sheet, around the front of the sheet, and ends at the second location towards the rear of the sheet.

11. (currently amended) The watercraft cover of claim 10, further including means for tightening the second relatively inelastic strap cord against the watercraft.

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12. (currently amended) The watercraft cover of claim 11, further including a strap cord sleeve located towards the outside perimeter of the sheet, sized to contain both the first relatively elastic strap cord and the second relatively inelastic strap cord.

13. (currently amended) The watercraft cover of claim 2, further including a strap cord sleeve located towards the outside perimeter of the sheet, sized to contain both the first relatively elastic strap cord and the second relatively inelastic strap cord.

14. (withdrawn) The watercraft cover of claim 1, further including at least three cover gathering means secured to the sheet and adapted for tightening of the sheet against a watercraft, wherein one cover gathering means is configured to secure the aft end of the watercraft cover by engaging a pontoon of the watercraft.

15. (withdrawn) The watercraft cover of claim 14 wherein the pockets are adjustable.

16. (withdrawn) The watercraft cover of claim 14 where the support structures are made of at least one flexible material which allows formation of an arch shape.

17. (withdrawn) The watercraft cover of claim 14 where the cover gathering means have locking mechanisms to reversibly retain a desired tension.

18. (withdrawn) The watercraft cover of claim 14 where the at least one strap is located parallel to the beam width of the watercraft.

19. (withdrawn) The watercraft cover of claim 14 where the at least one strap is located at acute angles to the beam width of the watercraft.

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20. (currently amended) A travel watercraft cover comprising:
a sheet of water repellent material;
at least two pockets attached to the sheet;
at least one support structure having a first end and a second end, the pockets receiving the first and second ends of the at least one support structure;
at least one strap attached to the sheet which is configured to bend the at least one support structure to form a shape which prevents water collection and deflects wind on the sheet;
a vent; and
a dual retention system attached to the sheet, wherein the dual retention system includes a first relatively elastic cord and a second relatively inelastic cord, each cord generally following the outside perimeter of the sheet, the dual retention system useful for securely attaching the watercraft cover to a watercraft.

21. (original) The watercraft cover of claim 20, wherein the at least two pockets are adjustable.

22. (original) The watercraft cover of claim 20, wherein the sheet further includes a support structure sleeve located substantially between the at least two pockets useful for receiving the support structures.

23. (original) The watercraft cover of claim 20, further including a baffle and drain useful for preventing water from entering the watercraft through the vent.

24. (original) The watercraft cover of claim 20, further including at least one holding strap useful for stabilizing the watercraft cover while it is being attached to the watercraft.

25. (original) The watercraft cover of claim 20, further including a rear retention strap useful for securing the rear portion of the watercraft cover to the watercraft.

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26. (original) The watercraft cover of claim 20, further including means for attaching an engine cover.

27. (original) The watercraft cover of claim 20, wherein the at least one strap is comprised of two pieces which are configured to reversibly connect to each other.

28. (original) The watercraft cover of claim 27, further including means for tightening the at least one strap, the tightening means located where the two pieces of the strap intersect.

29. (original) The watercraft cover of claim 20, wherein the first relatively elastic cord is comprised of two pieces, each having a first end and a second end, wherein the first end of each of the two pieces is rigidly attached towards the front of the sheet, and the second end of each piece has a locking mechanism to reversibly retain a desired tension.

30. (original) The watercraft cover of claim 20, wherein the second relatively inelastic cord has a first end rigidly attached at a first location towards the rear of the sheet, and a second end attached at a second location towards the rear of the sheet.

31. (currently amended) The watercraft cover of claim 30, wherein the second relatively inelastic strap cord continues from the first location towards the rear of the sheet, around the front of the sheet, and ends at the second location towards the rear of the sheet.

32. (currently amended) The watercraft cover of claim 31, further including means for tightening the second relatively inelastic strap cord.

33. (currently amended) The watercraft cover of claim 32, further including a strap cord sleeve located towards the outside perimeter of the sheet, sized to contain both the first relatively elastic strap cord and the second relatively inelastic strap cord.

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34. (currently amended) The watercraft cover of claim 31, further including ~~strap~~ cord loops periodically located towards the outside perimeter of the sheet, useful for retaining both the first relatively elastic ~~strap~~ cord and the second relatively inelastic ~~strap~~ cord.

35. (currently amended) The watercraft cover of claim 20, further including a ~~strap~~ cord sleeve located towards the outside perimeter of the sheet, sized to contain both the first relatively elastic ~~strap~~ cord and the second relatively inelastic ~~strap~~ cord.

36. (currently amended) The watercraft cover of claim 20, further including ~~strap~~ cord loops periodically located towards the outside perimeter of the sheet, useful for retaining both the first relatively elastic ~~strap~~ cord and the second relatively inelastic ~~strap~~ cord.

37. (withdrawn) A watercraft cover comprising:
a sheet of water repellent material;
at least two support structures which are secured by support structure sleeves attached to the sheet;
at least three cover gathering means secured to the sheet and adapted for tightening of the sheet against a watercraft, wherein one cover gathering means is configured to secure the aft end of the watercraft cover by engaging a pontoon of the watercraft; and
straps attached to the sheet and configured to reversibly connect to each other in order to bend the support structures to form a shape which prevents water collection and deflects wind on the sheet.

38. (withdrawn) The watercraft cover of claim 37 where the ends of the support structures reversibly fit into pockets attached to the sheet which are located near the edge of the sheet.

39. (withdrawn) The watercraft cover of claim 38 wherein the pockets are adjustable.

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40. (withdrawn) The watercraft cover of claim 37 where the support structures are made of at least one flexible material which allows formation of an arch shape.

41. (withdrawn) The watercraft cover of claim 37 where the cover gathering means have locking mechanisms to reversibly retain a desired tension.

42. (withdrawn) The watercraft cover of claim 37 where the straps are located parallel to the beam width of the watercraft.

43. (withdrawn) The watercraft cover of claim 37 where the straps are located at acute angles to the beam width of the watercraft.

44. (withdrawn) The watercraft cover of claim 37 wherein the support structure sleeves may be integrally positioned within the cover, on the outside, or the inside of the cover.

45. (currently amended) A method of using a watercraft cover comprising:
securing a watercraft cover to a watercraft, the watercraft cover comprising a sheet of water repellent material, a first pocket and a second pocket ~~at least two pockets~~ attached to the sheet, at least one support structure having a first end and a second end, ~~the pockets receiving the first and second ends of the at least one support structure~~, a support structure sleeve located substantially between the first and second ~~at least two~~ ~~pockets useful for receiving the at least one support structure, and~~ at least one strap attachable to the sheet which is configured to bend the at least one support structure to form a shape which prevents water collection and deflects wind on the sheet, ~~wherein the at least one support structure is normally irreversibly integrated into or retained by the sheet, the at least one support structure and the sheet being collapsible together for portability without separating such at least one support structure and sheet;~~

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inserting the first end of the at least one support structure into the first pocket and the second end ends of the at least one support structure into the second pocket at least two pockets, the at least one support structure extending through the sleeve; and

bending the at least one support structure to form a shape which prevents water collection and deflects wind on the sheet and holding the shape with the strap.

46. (original) The method of using a watercraft cover of claim 45, wherein the watercraft cover further includes a dual retention system attached to the sheet, wherein the dual retention system includes a first relatively elastic cord and a second relatively inelastic cord, the dual retention system useful for securely attaching the watercraft cover to a watercraft, further including the step of tightening the sheet against the watercraft with the first relatively elastic cord and the second relatively inelastic cord.

47. (withdrawn) The method of using a watercraft cover of claim 45, wherein the watercraft cover further includes at least three cover gathering means secured to the sheet and adapted for tightening of the sheet against a watercraft, wherein one cover gathering means is configured to secure the aft end of the watercraft cover by engaging a pontoon of the watercraft, further including the step of tightening the sheet against the watercraft with the at least three cover gathering means.